

**MAINE EMS  
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005  
SMITH CONFERENCE ROOM, AUGUSTA  
RATIFIED BY THE MAINE EMS BOARD ON AUGUST 3, 2005**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Carol Pillsbury – Chair, Steve Leach, Rick Doughty, Paul Knowlton

**Staff:** Dawn Kinney

**AAG:** Laura Yustak Smith

**1. Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – Unlicensed providers and services.**

Staff requested guidance on how to proceed with providers and services that did not renew their licenses in a timely manner and continued to provide patient care. Committee recommended that an investigation be initiated on all services and providers that are providing services without a current license.

**2. Applications**

The Committee conducted an informal review with applicant Cindy Meserve, who reported a 1997 conviction for Assault and a 2002 conviction for Theft by Unauthorized Taking or Transfer on her application dated December 18, 2004.

***Motion: That Cindy Meserve's (Applicant's) conviction for Assault in 1997 does not merit further action given the age and specifics of the assault, but her conviction for Theft by Unauthorized Taking or Transfer is actionable under the Maine EMS Rules Chapter 11 §1(4) - Any criminal conviction, subject to the limitations of Maine statute, M.R.S.A. §90-A(5)(F) – Violation of any reasonable standard of professional behavior, conduct or practice that has been established in the practice for which the licensee is licensed and M.R.S.A. §90-A(5)(G) – Subject to the limitations of Title 5, chapter 341, conviction of a crime that involves dishonesty or false statement, conviction of a crime that relates directly to the practice for which the licensee is licensed, conviction of a crime for which incarceration for one year or more may be imposed or conviction of a crime defined in Title 17-A, chapter 11 or 45; that mitigating circumstances exist in that the Applicant completed a drug/alcohol rehab program, has a history of attending Alcohol Anonymous meetings, is in voluntary counseling, sobriety for 2 years, Applicant has letters of recommendation, support from the Buckfield Rescue Service and was cooperative and forthright. Therefore, the committee finds that Applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust and directs that a license be issued with a Consent Agreement with the following provisions: that if charges are docketed against Applicant in any state or Federal court, or if Applicant is determined by the Board to have violated Maine EMS rules, Applicant will immediately surrender her Maine EMS license to the Board; Applicant agrees to cover the cost of the State Bureau of Identification check to be performed by the Board upon renewal of her EMS license; Applicant agrees, as long as she is in voluntary counseling, to sign a waiver allowing Maine EMS staff to contact counselor to obtain a progress report in 6 months, 1 year, 2 years and 3 years. (Leach; Knowlton – motion carries)***

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2005 providing that MEMS staff has any items for the agenda.

**3. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Kinney, EMT-P

Licensing Agent